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WEDNESDAY.
"I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
"YOU COULD HAVE STOPPED THIS.
"YOU COULD HAVE SAVED EVERYONE.
"EVERYONE."
BUT, NEED I REMIND YOU, THIS IS THE JOKER WE'RE DISCUSSING.
WHICH IS WHY I HOPE YOU'LL BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY...

After witnessing the murder of his parents, teenager Richard "Dick" Grayson was taken under Batman's wing and trained as Robin, the Dark Knight's partner in his war on crime. But when the boy became a man, he left the Batcave and now serves his own brand of justice!

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THE LONG WEEK

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HE ATTEMPTED TO BREAK EACH OF YOU BY ATTACKING WHAT HE THOUGHT WERE YOUR GREATEST WEAKNESSES.
BUT ALLOW ME TO REPEAT THAT LAST PART, RICHARD. WHAT HE THOUGHT THEY WERE.
NEWS
YEAH...
JOKER EXPLOSIONS LEVEL AMUSEMENT MILE
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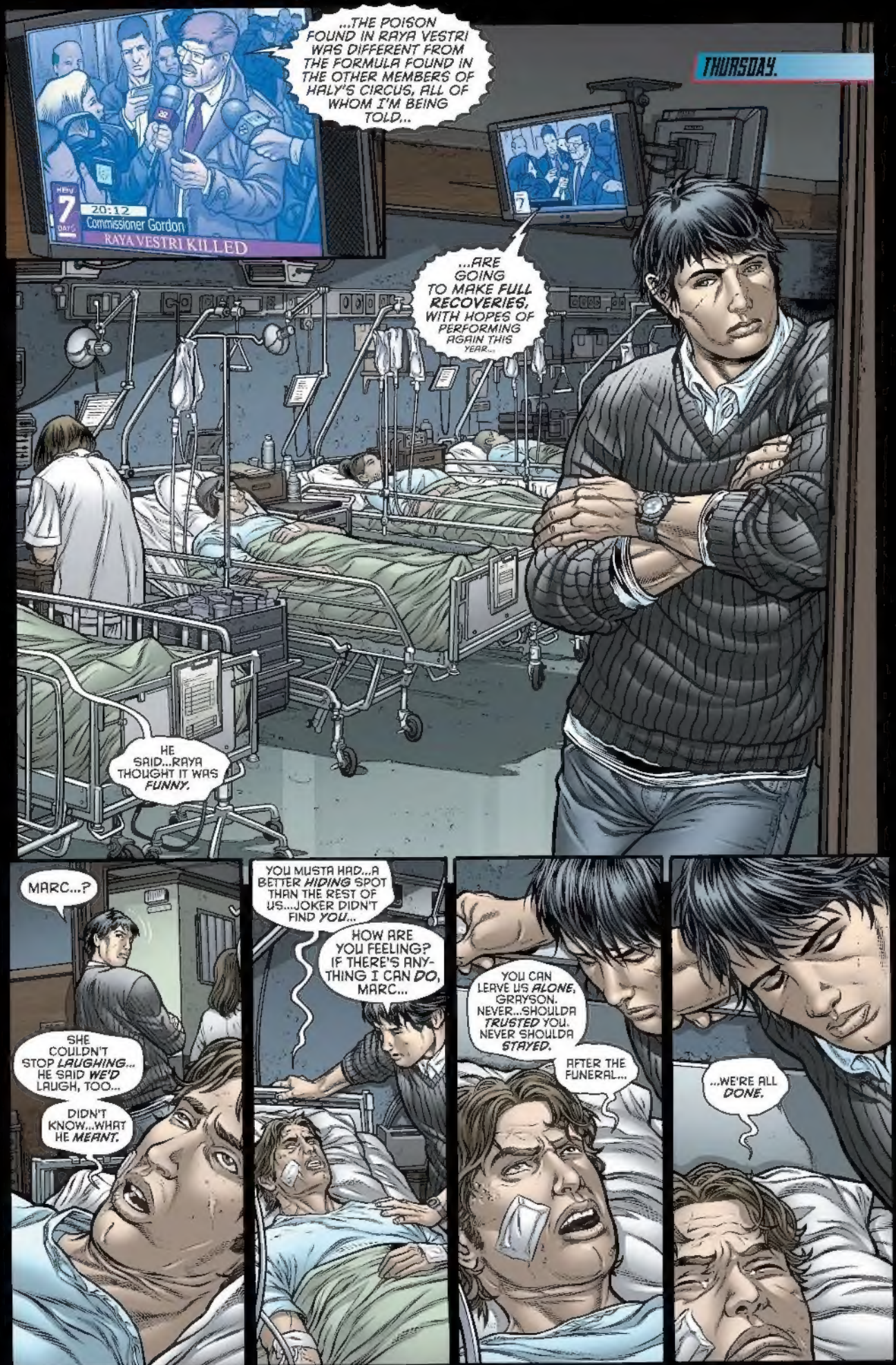
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?
HUH?
IF YOU NEED TO TALK, RICHARD...
THANKS, ALFRED. BUT WE SHOULD BE THE ONES TAKING CARE OF YOU!
NOW YOU SOUND LIKE MASTER BRUCE... TRYING TO GET ME TO LAY DOWN.
ARE YOU SURE THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO?
YEAH, I'LL BE OKAY, ALFRED...
...I PROMISE.

KLINE INDUSTRIES.
LATER.

WHO...?
HER NAME IS RAYA VESTRI. THE GIRL JOKER BROKE OUT OF BLACKGATE PRISON.
HE KILLED HER.
GOD...
I KNOW IT'S ASKING A LOT, COMMISSIONER, BUT IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO PUT A RUSH ON THE FORENSICS...
THERE'S GOING TO BE A FUNERAL LATER THIS WEEK FOR RAYA AND JAMES CLARK, ANOTHER MEMBER OF HALY'S CIRCUS.
YES... YES, OF COURSE.
LISTEN, SON...THE WAY THE JOKER CAME AFTER US, AND SEEING HER DRESSED LIKE YOU...
WELL, IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO ANYONE...
THANKS, COMMISSIONER. BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME...
...I'LL BE FINE.
"AS FAR AS WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO CONFIRM RIGHT NOW..."


...THE POISON FOUND IN RAYA VESTRI WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE FORMULA FOUND IN THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HALY'S CIRCUS, ALL OF WHOM I'M BEING TOLD...
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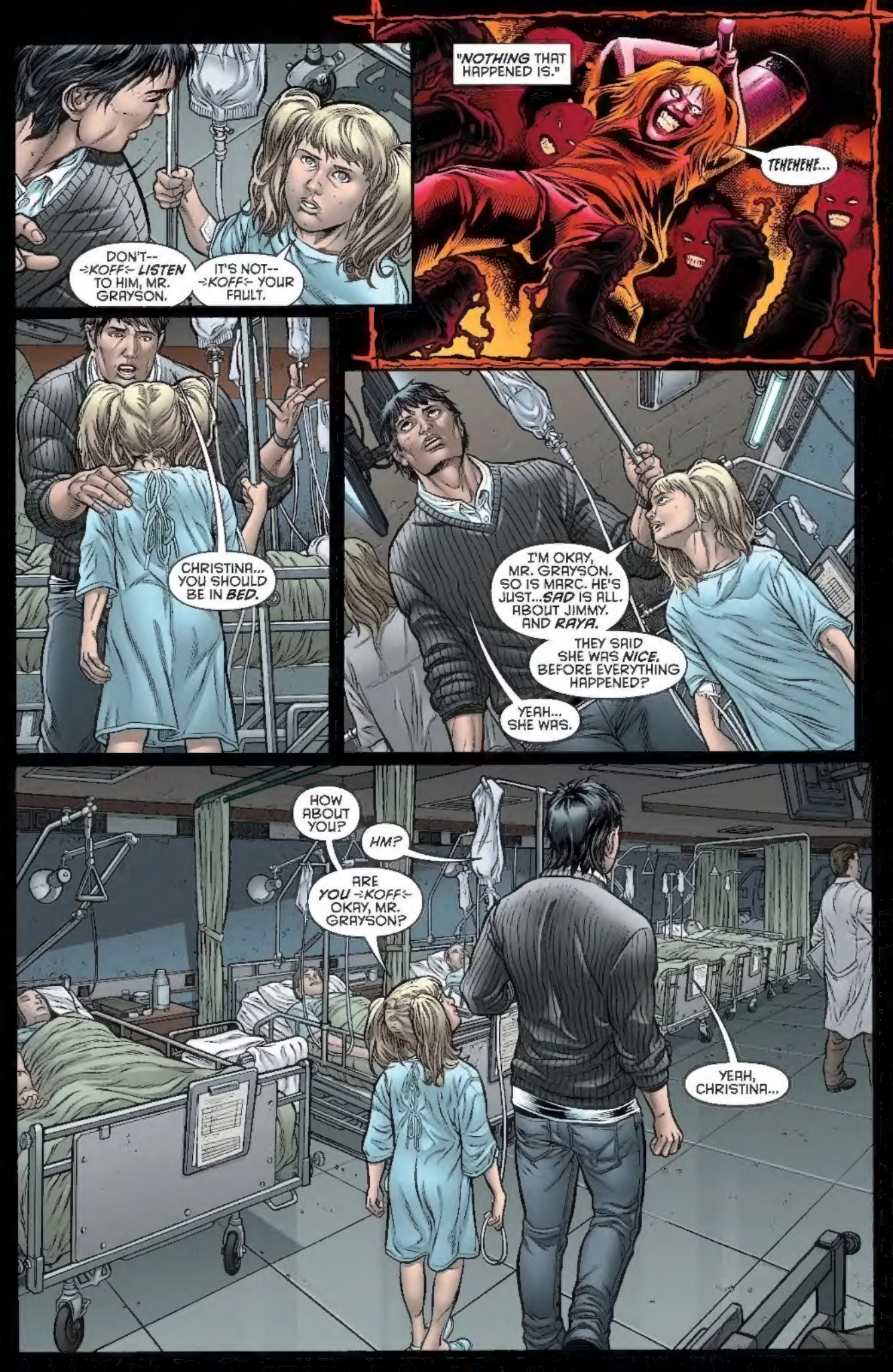
Commissioner Gordon
RAYA VESTRI KILLED
THURSDAY.
...ARE GOING TO MAKE FULL RECOVERIES, WITH HOPES OF PERFORMING AGAIN THIS YEAR...
HE SAID...RAYA THOUGHT IT WAS FUNNY.
MARC...?
SHE COULDN'T STOP LAUGHING... HE SAID WE'D LAUGH, TOO...
DIDN'T KNOW...WHAT HE MEANT.
YOU MUSTA HAD...A BETTER HIDING SPOT THAN THE REST OF US...JOKER DIDN'T FIND YOU...
HOW ARE YOU FEELING? IF THERE'S ANY-THING I CAN DO, MARC...
YOU CAN LEAVE US ALONE, GRAYSON. NEVER...SHOULDA TRUSTED YOU. NEVER SHOULDA STAYED.
AFTER THE FUNERAL...
...WE'RE ALL DONE.


DON'T-- -KOFF- LISTEN TO HIM, MR. GRAYSON.
IT'S NOT-- -KOFF- YOUR FAULT.
"NOTHING THAT HAPPENED IS."
TEHEHEHE...
CHRISTINA... YOU SHOULD BE IN BED.
I'M OKAY, MR. GRAYSON. SO IS MARC. HE'S JUST...SAD IS ALL. ABOUT JIMMY. AND RAYA.
THEY SAID SHE WAS NICE. BEFORE EVERYTHING HAPPENED?
YEAH... SHE WAS.
HOW ABOUT YOU?
HM?
ARE YOU -KOFF- OKAY, MR. GRAYSON?
YEAH, CHRISTINA...

"...I'M GOING TO BE *FINE*."
FRIDAY.
FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD THINGS UNDER CONTROL...
...UNTIL THE BACK-DRAFT REIGNITED THE PLACE THIS MORNING. AND WITH ALL THE CHEMICALS THE JOKER USED...
IT'S GOING TO BURN 'TIL THERE'S NOTHING LEFT.
LISTEN, DICK...I TALKED TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY THIS MORNING. THEY'LL COVER THE BANK LOAN, BUT WITH ALL THE MONEY *YOU* PUT IN...
WELL, THE CIRCUS IS THE ONLY THING YOU HAVE LEFT.
IT'S NOT MUCH OF A CIRCUS WITHOUT PEOPLE. ALL OF WHOM ARE LEAVING AFTER THE *FUNERALS*.
I CAN'T... I CAN'T EVEN PAY FOR *THOSE*, CAN I, LUCIUS?
SONIA BRANCH AND THE BANK HAVE OFFERED TO TAKE ON THE COST OF THE BURIALS.
...
'TIL THERE'S NOTHING LEFT...
I'M SORRY, DICK...TRULY. IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN--
THANKS, LUCIUS. BUT TRUST ME--I'M OKAY...
POLICE LINE - NOT CROSS
POLICE LINE

"...I PROMISE."
JAMES CLARK
RAYA VESTRI
SUNDAY.
HEY.
HEY.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
WELL...AT LEAST IT'S NOT RAINING.
DICK, IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO...
ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU'VE *ALREADY* DONE SO MUCH, SONIA. I MEAN, YOU AND THE BANK *PAYING* FOR ALL THIS...THANK YOU. TRULY.
WELL, WHEN MY FATHER DIED--
SORRY. I SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT HIM.
HE WAS STILL YOUR DAD. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I THINK OF HIM.

DOESN'T IT? I MEAN... THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU...
...SORRY...WE CAN DO THIS LATER.
YOU'LL LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING?
YEAH...YEAH, OF COURSE, SONIA. THANK YOU.
IS THAT...SONIA ZUCCO?
SHE GOES BY SONIA BRANCH NOW.
WHY IS SHE HERE?
WE WERE WORKING TOGETHER, BARBARA, WITH AMUSEMENT MILE. HER BANK GAVE ME THE LOAN. AND THEY'RE PAYING FOR ALL THIS.
ARE YOU TWO...?
DOES IT MATTER?
ASSUMING YOU CAN LOOK PAST THE FACT THAT HER FATHER MURDERED YOUR PARENTS?
BUT I GUESS THAT'S WHY YOU'RE YOU. YOU'VE GOT THE GIFT OF NOT DWELLING
RICHARD?

"YOU PUT YOUR TRUST IN PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS LET YOU DOWN."
IT'S WHAT THE JOKER SAID ABOUT ME. ABOUT WHAT MADE ME *WEAK.*
YOU KNOW, WHEN I SAW THE NEWS REPORT THAT THE C RC..S WAS STIL. AL VE ..I DIDN'T BE..EVE IT.
IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY *SENSE.*
WHY WOULD HE LET THEM *LIVE?*
IS IT SELFISH TO THINK IT COULD HAVE BEEN FOR *THIS?*
SO IN CASE *I* MADE IT OUT AL VE... I COULD SEE THEM *LEAVE* ME?
CASINO
IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY, R.CHARD...
I AM OKAY, BABS...
...*I AM* OKAY.

TUESDAY.
THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY'S ALL RIGHT?
IT'LL HOLD. AS LONG AS YOU KEEP YOUR LINES ATTACHED TO GIRDERS.
WHAT ABOUT RECOVERY?
DEPENDS ON WHAT SURVIVED THE FIRE. BUT I DON'T ANTICIPATE A PROBLEM.
SEE, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG.

ALL THAT "ANTICIPATING."

THAT'S WHERE YOU GET INTO TROUBLE
UHN!
KRAKK
ARH!
DON'T WORRY, GUYS--
WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF ATTENT ON TO GO AROUND HERE!
ACK!
OOF!
NOW YOU'VE GONE AND DONE IT GETTIN' IN OVER YOUR HEAD AND AL-

YOU THINK YOU'RE "OVER MY HEAD"?
WAIT--
OOF!
PLEASE--
--TELL ME AGAIN ABOUT BEING "OVER MY HEAD."
KRACK

SERIOUSLY.
ARH!
KSSHHH
I NEED A LAUGH!
I NEED--
KRAKKK
"I HOPE YOU KNOW..."

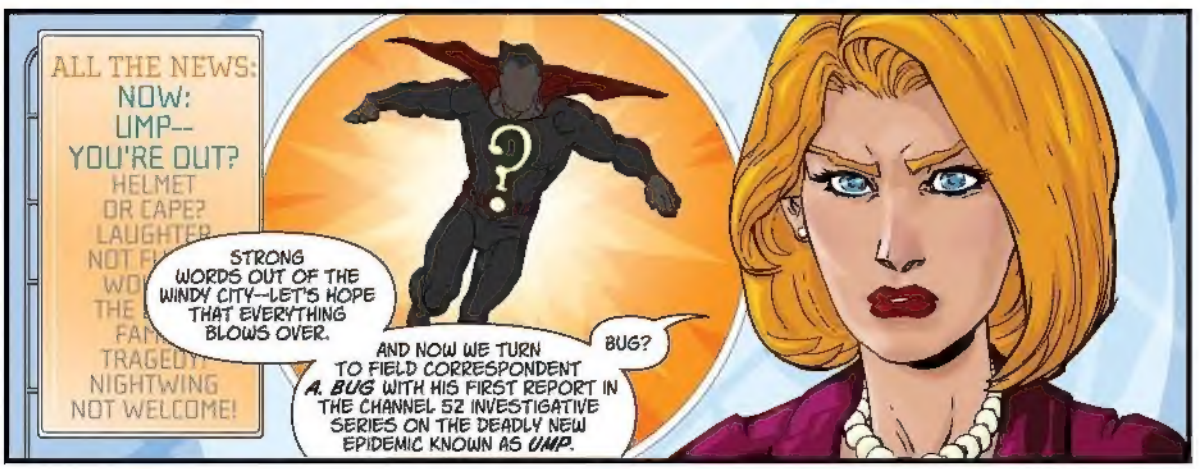
...MOST PEOPLE ONLY SEE WHAT THEY *WANT* TO SEE.
AND THE OTHERS ARE INEPT.
AND I'M NOT THE OTHERS.
I'M *FINE*, ROB.N.
I'VE BEEN WATCH NG YOU ALL WEEK. YOU'RE *NOT* "FINE."
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T DWELL. I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE *ROCK*.
SO?
SO IF I'M *NOT*...THEN WHAT THE JOKER SAID ABOUT ME WAS *RIGHT*.
YOU GOT BURNED BY PEOPLE YOU LEARNED ON.
GUESS WHAT? IT'S GO NG TO HAPPEN AGA.N.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD *STOP*.
YOU TRUST PEOPLE. IT'S WHAT MAKES YOU WHO YOU ARE.
AND AS FOR THE JOKER... YOU REALIZE THE MAN *LITERALLY* CUT OFF HIS OWN FACE, YES?
ARE YOU REALLY THAT CONCERNED WITH *HIS* OPIN.ON?

YOU'RE PRETTY SMART FOR A KID, YOU KNOW THAT?
"FOR A K.D."?
THANKS. REALLY.
YES, WELL, DON'T MENTION IT.
ESPECIALLY NOT TO DRAKE.
AND, YOU KNOW, ASSUMING YOU SURVIVE THE REST OF THE WEEK...WE SHOULD DO THIS MORE OFTEN.
PERHAPS OVER THE NEW SWORDWALKERS GAME? IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE QUITE ENJOYABLE.
THIS IS ABOUT BATMAN TAKING AWAY YOUR KATANA, ISN'T IT?
-SIGH- HOW DOES ANYONE THINK YOU'RE THE FUNNY ONE?
I'LL ORDER THE GAME, KUROSAWA.
GOOD.
UNTIL THEN...
"WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY?"

WEDNESDAY
IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK.
THERE'VE BEEN CLEANUP CREWS AROUND THE CLOCK.
AND THE REASON I PAY SO MUCH IS FOR YOUR EXPEDIENCY IN THESE SITUATIONS.
OUR CLIENTS WANT TO BUY ITEMS FROM RECENT CATASTROPHES. NOT NEARLY RECENT. THEY EXPECT THE BEST OF THE WORST. OTHERWISE...
...THEY WOULDN'T COME TO THE DEALER.
AT LEAST TELL ME YOU'VE RECOVERED SOMETHING OF VALUE?
I THINK WE HAVE SOME GOOD STUFF. AND ALMOST ALL OF IT HOLDS THE CLOWN'S TOUCH.
HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU MY FAVORITE PIECE. THIS WAS BURIED DEEP. FAR AS I CAN TELL, IT WAS PART OF A DISPLAY.
TELL ME...
...HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE "FLYING GRAYSONS"?
NEXT ISSUE:
TRAGEDY STRIKES!

ALL THE NEWS:
COMING UP:
CHANNEL 52
HEROES TURN UP MISSING ACROSS THE WORLD--ARE YOU NEXT? AND SUPERMAN MURDERED... BY LOVE?
I'M BETHANY SNOW AND THIS IS CHANNEL 52 NEWS.
THOSE STORIES COMING UP, BUT FIRST WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON A SITUATION WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING—THE VIGILANTE NIGHTWING SEEMS TO HAVE RELOCATED HIS OPERATIONS FROM GOTHAM CITY TO CHICAGO.
BETHANY SNOW...CS2 ANCHOR

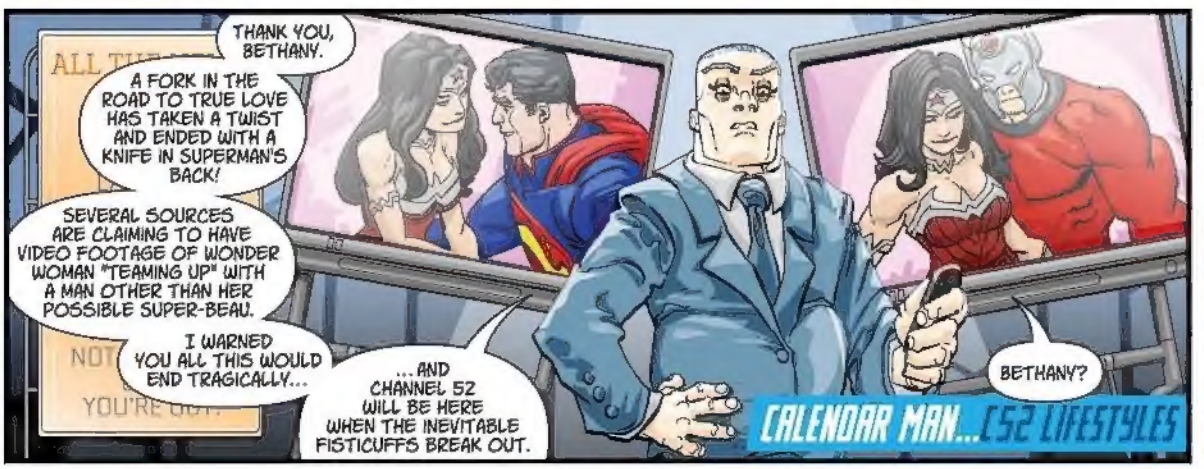
ALL THE NEWS:
NIGHTWING SIGHTINGS IN CHICAGO, WHICH UNLIKE GOTHAM HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR MASKED HEROES, HAVE LED THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO RELEASE THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.
"THE CITY OF CHICAGO DOES NOT ENDORSE VIOLENCE IN ANY WAY...
...BUT OUR POLICE ARE CLEARED TO APPREHEND ANY TARGET THEY DEEM A THREAT...
ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE COSTUMED VARIETY."

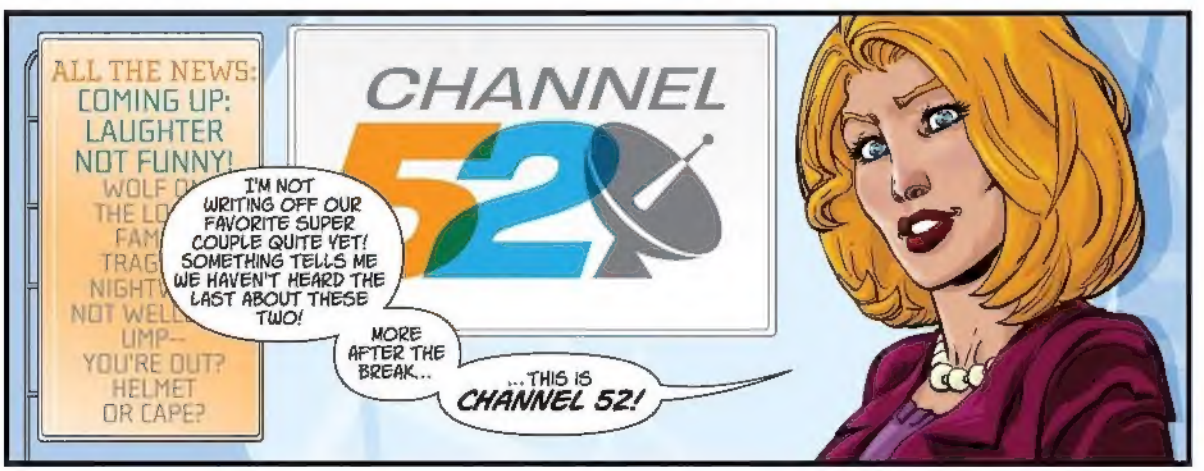

ALL THE NEWS:
NOW:
UMP--
YOU'RE OUT?
HELMET
OR CAPE?
LAUGHTER
NIGHTWING
NOT WELCOME!
STRONG WORDS OUT OF THE WINDY CITY--LET'S HOPE THAT EVERYTHING BLOWS OVER.
AND NOW WE TURN TO FIELD CORRESPONDENT A. BUG WITH HIS FIRST REPORT IN THE CHANNEL 52 INVESTIGATIVE SERIES ON THE DEADLY NEW EPIDEMIC KNOWN AS UMP.
BUG?

EVERY YEAR DOZENS OF HEROES GO MISSING. GONE IN A FLASH OF LIGHT, WANDERING INTO STRANGE ENERGY PORTALS, BEING KILLED IN ACTION--
--ONLY TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SERVICE SEVERAL MONTHS LATER NONE WORSE FOR WEAR.
SCIENTISTS CALL THIS PHENOMENON "UNCONFIRMED MISSING PERSONS" OR UMP. THERE IS NO EXPLANATION FOR UMP. AND THERE IS NO CURE.
THE RECENT INACTIVITY OF PUBLIC HEROES BUDDY BAKER, AKA ANIMAL MAN, AND THE MYSTERIOUS SUPER HERO MR. TERRIFIC HAVE BEEN LINKED TO UMP, AND MANY TERRIFIED CITIZENS ARE ASKING THEMSELVES, "IF THESE HEROES CAN BE STRICKEN WITH UMP, WHAT ABOUT ME?"
MISSING
A. BUG...CS2 REPORTER

ARE AVERAGE VIEWERS LIKE YOU AT RISK OF BEING TAKEN AWAY BY FORCES BEYOND YOUR CONTROL? POSSIBLY NOT, BUT THE THREAT OF UMP TURNING UP IN REGULAR TOWNS LIKE YOURS COULD BE REAL.
TAKE FOR EXAMPLE THE CASE OF 17-YEAR-OLD AMY WINSTON. SHE AND HER MOTHER HAVE BEEN MISSING FROM THEIR SMALL TOWN FOR WEEKS WITH NO LEADS.
THE PAIR WERE SAID TO BE LONERS... AND VERY STRANGE.
THEIR NEIGHBORS OFTEN WITNESSED THE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER WEARING MAKESHIFT SUITS OF ARMOR AND FIGHTING WITH WOODEN SWORDS.
THEN ONE DAY THEY WERE JUST GONE. VICTIMS OF UMP OR SOMETHING FAR MORE SINISTER? I DON'T KNOW.

ALL THE NEWS:
COMING UP:
HELMET OR CAPE?
LAUGHTER NOT FUNNY!
WOLF ON THE LOOSE
FAMILY TRAGEDY!
NIGHTWIN
NOT WELC
UMP--
YOU'RE OU
THANK YOU, BUG.
LET'S CHECK IN WITH OUR FAVORITE LIFESTYLE REPORTER, CALENDAR MAN, TO SEE IF HE CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION ON EVERYBODY'S MIND...ARE WONDER WOMAN AND SUPERMAN AN ITEM?
SAY IT AIN'T SO, MR. C!


THANK YOU, BETHANY.
A FORK IN THE ROAD TO TRUE LOVE HAS TAKEN A TWIST AND ENDED WITH A KNIFE IN SUPERMAN'S BACK!
SEVERAL SOURCES ARE CLAIMING TO HAVE VIDEO FOOTAGE OF WONDER WOMAN "TEAMING UP" WITH A MAN OTHER THAN HER POSSIBLE SUPER-BEAU.
I WARNED YOU ALL THIS WOULD END TRAGICALLY...
...AND CHANNEL 52 WILL BE HERE WHEN THE INEVITABLE FISTICUFFS BREAK OUT.
BETHANY?
CALENDAR MAN...[52 LIFESTYLES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I'M NOT WRITING OFF OUR FAVORITE SUPER COUPLE QUITE YET! SOMETHING TELLS ME WE HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST ABOUT THESE TWO!
MORE AFTER THE BREAK...
...THIS IS CHANNEL 52!

NAHGA